

ST. AUGUSTINE

CATHOLIC
CHURCH

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS • HORAS DE OFICINA - Monday, Wednesday, Thursday - 9am - 12 noon, 1pm - 4:30pm • Tuesday 9am - 12noon, 2:30pm - 4:30pm • Friday 9am - 12noon • Lunes, Miércoles, Jueves 9am - 12pm, 1pm - 4:30pm • Martes 9am - 12pm, 2:30pm - 4:30pm • Viernes 9am - Mediodía

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - May 4, 2025 TERCER DOMINGO DE PASCUA - 4 de mayo, 2025

**"BEFORE ALL ELSE
LIVE TOGETHER
ONE IN HEART AND MIND
AND HONOR GOD IN ONE ANOTHER"**

MASS SCHEDULE - HORARIO DE MISAS

Saturday/sábado—at 5:00pm in English; Misa a las 7:00pm en español

Sunday/domingo—at 9:00am in English (Livestream)

11:30am en español (Transmisión en Vivo) y 1:30pm en español

Daily Mass in English—Tuesday - Friday at 9am

Mass with Adoration—Every Friday from 9am - 10:30am

Daily Mass in Spanish on Thursday at 7pm (Livestream)

Misa Diaria en inglés—martes - viernes a las 9am

En español los jueves a las 7pm. (Transmisión en Vivo)

Todos los viernes - Misa en inglés con Adoración - 9:00am - 10:30am

Primer viernes de cada mes - Misa en español con Adoración Nocturna - 7:00pm

CONFESSION / CONFESIÓN:

Thursday/jueves—7:45pm

Saturday/sábado — 3:45pm - 4:45pm & 6:15pm - 6:45pm

BAPTISM AND MATRIMONY: Please call the Parish Office for arrangements. For weddings, a lead time of at least six to nine months is required in order that a proper preparation may be made for the celebration of the Sacrament.

BAUTIZOS Y MATRIMONIOS: Llame a la oficina para hacer los arreglos necesarios. Para Matrimonios, llame al menos de seis a nueve meses antes de la fecha deseada para programar una cita con el sacerdote y comenzar las preparaciones necesarias.

ANOIDTING OF THE SICK: Please approach the priest after each weekend Mass. If any parishioner is seriously ill at home or in the hospital, please call the Parish Office to arrange for Communion, Confession, or the Anointing of the Sick.

UNCIÓN DE LOS ENFERMOS: Por favor hable con el sacerdote después de cada Misa del fin de semana. Si una persona perteneciente a la parroquia esta seriamente enferma, por favor llame a la Oficina Parroquial para hacer los arreglos necesarios para la Comunión, Confesión y Sacramento de los Enfermos.

NEW CATHOLIC PARISHIONERS—NUEVOS MIEMBROS CATOLICOS

You may stop by the Parish office to pick up a member registration form. Puede llegar a la Oficina Parroquial para obtener un formulario para registrarse como miembro.

MISSION STATEMENT

"The Mission of St. Augustine Catholic Church is to provide a community where people of all nations can encounter Christ through the proclamation of the Word of God, the celebration of the Sacraments, and the service of our brothers and sisters."

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ST. AUGUSTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday, May 4, 2025 domingo, 4 de mayo, 2025

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER / 3er DOMINGO DE PASCUA

Building Maintenance Collection / Colecta - Mantenimiento del Edificio
Retiro (Mujeres de Emaús) en Hanover

8:00am	Escuela San Andrés (Curso Moisés)	Hall / Salón Parroquial
9:00am	Mass	Church
11:15am	Liturgia para Niños	PC 1-2
11:30am	Misa	Iglesia
1:15pm	Liturgia para Niños	PC 1-2
1:30pm	Misa	Iglesia
7:00pm	Reunión de Ujieres	PC 1-2
7:00pm	Misa de Clausura (Emaús Mujeres)	Iglesia

Monday, May 5, 2025 lunes, 5 de mayo, 2025

6:30pm	First Communion Parent-Child Prep	Church
7:00pm	Reunión de Directiva (JPC)	PC 4

Tuesday, May 6, 2025 martes, 6 de mayo, 2025

8:00am	CARE-A- VAN	Hall, Ed. Wing & PC 4
8:30am	Women's Guild	Rm 13/14
9:00am	Daily Mass	Church
10:00am	Bible Study	PC 1-2
10:00am	Bible Study Online	
11:00am	Care-A-Van (lunch)	PC 3
1:00pm	Staff Meeting	
6:00pm	RCIA/First Communion for High Schoolers	Rm 13/14
7:00pm	Sacramentos para Adultos	PC 1-2

Wednesday, May 7, 2025 miércoles, 7 de mayo, 2025

9:00am	Daily Mass	Church
10:00am	WINGS	Hall
11:30am	Women's Guild	Rm 13/14
6:30pm	Misioneros de María Inmaculada	Rm 18/19
7:00pm	Choir Practice	Church
7:00pm	JPC - Jóvenes para Cristo	Rm 10/11

Thursday, May 8, 2025 jueves, 8 de mayo, 2025

9:00am	Daily Mass	Church
7:00pm	Misa con Adoración	Iglesia

Friday, May 9, 2025 viernes, 9 de mayo, 2025

9:00am	Daily Mass with Adoration	Church
6:30pm	Coro Jesús Eucaristía	PC 4
7:00pm	Grupo Carismático	Hall / Salón Parroquial

Saturday, May 10, 2025 sábado, 10 de mayo, 2025

First Communion Mass

10:00am	First Communion Mass	Church
2:00pm	Quinceañera (Fátimah Dubón)	Church
3:45pm	Confessions / Confesiones	Church
5:00pm	Mass	Church
6:15pm	Confessions / Confesiones	Church
7:00pm	Misa	Iglesia

Sunday, May 11, 2025 domingo, 11 de mayo, 2025

4th SUNDAY OF EASTER / 4to DOMINGO DE PASCUA

Mother's Day / Día de las Madres

9:00am	Mass	Church
11:15am	Liturgia para Niños	PC 1-2
11:30am	Misa	Iglesia
1:15pm	Liturgia para Niños	PC 1-2
1:30pm	Misa	Iglesia

Mass Intentions — Intenciones de Misa

Saturday, May 3	5:00pm	Diane Wills †
	7:00pm	Por las benditas almas en el Purgatorio
Sunday, May 4	9:00am	Santiago (Jimmy) Clarke †
	11:30am	Para los Feligreses de San Agustín
	1:30pm	María dos Anjos Sousa Viegas de Guerreiro †
Monday, May 5	9:00am	NO DAILY MASS
Tuesday, May 6	9:00am	---
Wed, May 7	9:00am	---
Thursday, May 8	9:00am	---
	7:00pm	Rosa Cándida Díaz † y Reina Díaz †
Friday, May 9	9:00am	Therese Sylvestre (Birthday)
Saturday, May 10	5:00pm	Hali Yun †
	7:00pm	Por las benditas almas en el Purgatorio
Sunday, May 11	9:00am	For All mothers
	11:30am	Para los Feligreses de San Agustín
	1:30pm	Para todas las madres

† Denotes deceased parishioners, family members and/or friends; † Denota feligreses fallecidos, miembros de la familia y/o amigos



Pray For / Oremos Por: Olga Chicas, Judy Blair, Tom Pierce, Sole de Jesús Flores Turcios, Gary Swift, Sun Lee Young, Jenny Wertz, Carolyn Miller, Amy Fowler, Tyler Fowler, Greg Scholes, Carolyn Hosein, Irene Biemer, Esther Windom, Dennis Hatt, Phillip Gee, Dominic Digirolamo, Father Daniel Cogut, Adam Figlio, Francis Dorish, Tom Reichert, Wanda Jones, Ron Campbell, Angela Shiel, Pat Gorman, Ted Fighera, Fr. D'Aurora, Andrea Kim, Agnes Kim, Andres Kim, Ron Kalinowski, Tracy Waldo, Amy Ngo, Carol Hermesen, Buck and Barbara Dance, Geri Pendell, Dick Thackston, Brock Mc Nerney, Helen Wright, Sandy and Gary Ellenberger, Jose Antonio Diaz, Amy Augeri, Brian Jones, James Armstrong, Nixa Liz Diaz, Antoinette Denmark, Carol Propp, Debra Bass, Carolyn Miller, Georgia Spiller, Lynn Tran, Carol Bailey, J.P. Vittori, John Patrick, Cooper Hamerman, Estarlin José Gutiérrez, Killian Stevens, Cris Sheppard, Paige Lewis, Jan Owen, Sherry Crawford, Officer Patrick Keff, Sid Thompson, Martin García, María Luisa García, Elia García, Francisco García, Bud Williamson, Kathie Evans, Roger Monger, Cathy and Donald Stage, Emiliano Fajardo and Pedrina Franco, Susan and Frank Burke, Audrey Rose Harlin, Christine Womack, Uni & Robert Kemp, Chris Ebert, Doug Ebert, Bill Kemp, Martha Gardner, John Ortiz, Suki & Bo Simpson, Samuel Sponeybarger, Rick Panchyshyn, Evelyn Otey, Brenda Quinn, Wardell Bowman, Frank Solari, Judy Smith, Adrian and Adriana Ambrose, Katy Lavery, Eunice Langlois, Robert Russo, Megan Gorman, Erika Caton, Kevin Williams, Michael Payne, and Patricia Carmona.

Readings for the week of May 4, 2025 Lecturas de la semana del 4 de mayo, 2025

Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/ Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14
Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday: Acts 7:51-8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab/Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51
Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59
Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69
Next Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 (3c)/ Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30

Observances for the week of May 4, 2025 Observancias para la semana del 4 de mayo, 2025

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Easter
Monday: Cinco de Mayo
Tuesday: ---
Wednesday: ---
Thursday: ---
Friday: ---
Saturday: St. John of Avila, Priest and Doctor of the Church; St. Damien de Veuster, Priest
Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations; Mother's Day



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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER / TERCER DOMINGO DE PASCUA

FROM THE PASTOR

Time of Transition

Today, Sunday, May 4, is the last day of the novendiales, the nine official days of mourning by the Church. On Wednesday, May 7, the conclave will begin. On Monday, we will start our time of prayer for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the College of Cardinals as they pray and discern who should be the next to assume the role of Bishop of Rome, Holy Father, Roman Pontiff (bridge), supreme pastor of the Church—Pope.

Our faith teaches us that while the 138 cardinals under the age of 80 will be the ones to cast ballots in the election, the process is ultimately guided by the Holy Spirit. This will be the fourth pope in my priesthood, and I have had the privilege of meeting all three: John Paul II, Benedict XVI, and Francis. Each had a unique personality and style of leadership. But, speaking personally, I believe that the Holy Spirit gave us precisely the person we needed at a particular moment in our history.

Now we pray once more that the Holy Spirit will give her Church the leader she needs. Pope Benedict XVI's decision to retire created some confusion in the Church. You would hear some people declare themselves to be "a Pope Benedict Catholic" or a "Pope Francis Catholic." At any given time, there is only one Pope. And we do not get to pick and choose which teachings we will agree with and which we will not.

If we believe that the Pope was chosen with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, then in humility, we must be willing to listen. As I write this, none of us knows who will be next. We do know that he will be a man of faith. He will be imperfect. His words will please some people and not others. And we know that we will be called to listen to him.

MENSAJE DEL PÁRROCO

Tiempo de Transición

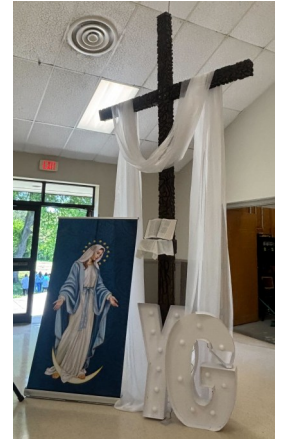
Hoy, domingo 4 de mayo, es el último día de los novendiales, los nueve días oficiales de luto de la Iglesia. El miércoles 7 de mayo comenzará el cónclave. El lunes iniciaremos nuestro tiempo de oración para pedir la efusión del Espíritu Santo sobre el Colegio de Cardenales mientras oran y disciernen quién debería ser el próximo en asumir el papel de Obispo de Roma, Santo Padre, Pontífice Romano (puente), pastor supremo de la Iglesia—Papa.

Nuestra fe nos enseña que, aunque los 138 cardenales menores de 80 años serán los encargados de emitir votos en la elección, el proceso está guiado en última instancia por el Espíritu Santo. Este será el cuarto papa durante mi sacerdocio, y he tenido el privilegio de conocer a los tres: Juan Pablo II, Benedicto XVI y Francisco. Cada uno tenía una personalidad y estilo de liderazgo únicos. Pero, hablando personalmente, creo que el Espíritu Santo nos dio precisamente la persona que necesitábamos en un momento particular de nuestra historia.

Ahora oramos una vez más para que el Espíritu Santo dé a su Iglesia el líder que necesita. La decisión del Papa Benedicto XVI de retirarse creó cierta confusión en la Iglesia. Oías a algunas personas declararse "católicos de Papa Benedicto" o "católicos de Papa Francisco". En cualquier momento dado, solo hay un Papa. Y no podemos elegir cuáles enseñanzas aceptaremos y con cuáles no estaremos de acuerdo.

Si creemos que el Papa fue elegido con la guía del Espíritu Santo, entonces, con humildad, debemos estar dispuestos a escuchar. Mientras escribo esto, ninguno de nosotros sabe quién será el próximo. Sabemos que será un hombre de fe. Será imperfecto. Sus palabras agradarán a algunas personas y no a otras. Y sabemos que seremos llamados a escucharlo.

Congratulations to the Teens/Youth that received their sacraments this past Tuesday, April 29th.

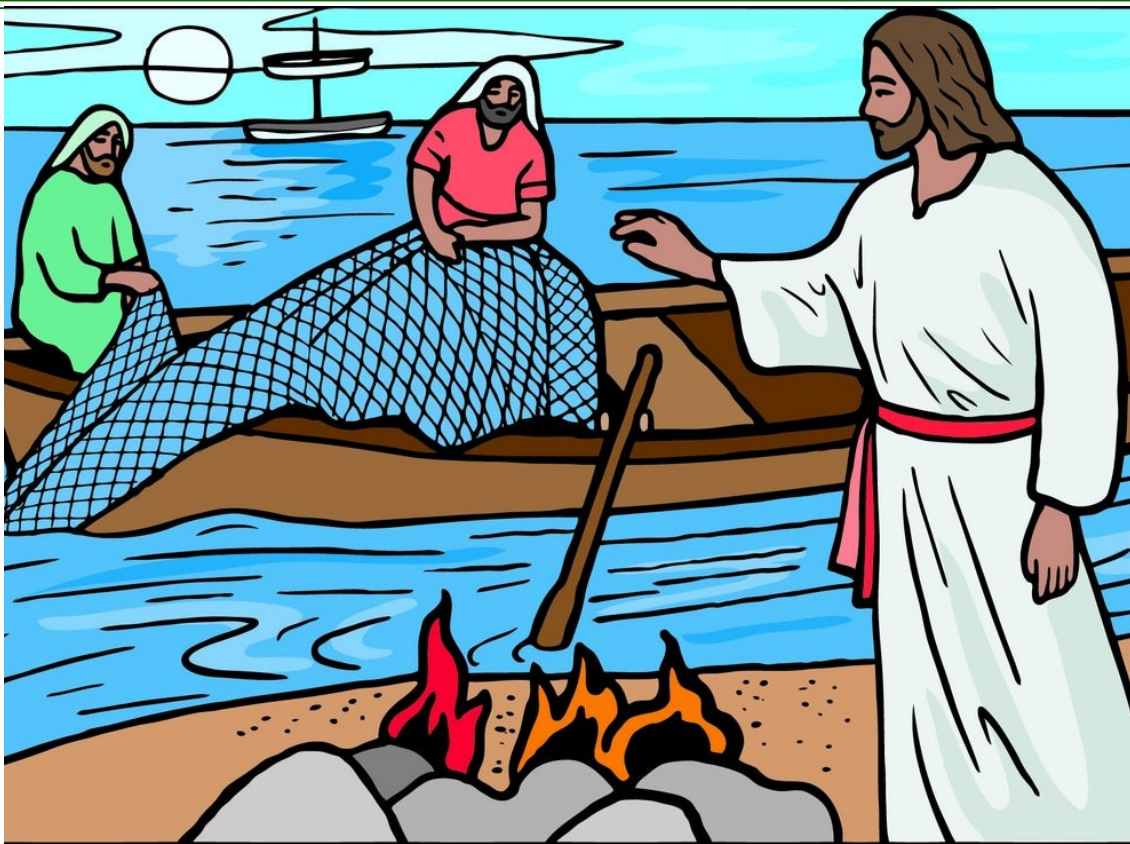


There were 89 teens at this past weekend's retreat, including 61 teens for candidates for confirmation and teens from youth group



CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE WHO RECEIVED SACRAMENTS AT THE EASTER VIGIL:

*Kevin Alexis Castillo Herrera
Jennifer Paola García Rivas
Yessica Judith López Pérez
Jason Josué Camey-Del Cid
Nahomy Atalí Ocheita Ovalle
Heydy Tatiana Chocoj-Del Cid
Nathaly Susheyla García-Rivas
Yasmín Andrea Peláez Pérez
Jencarlos Alarcón
Jeffrey Aldana Vargas
Ooreoluwa David Fadahunsi
Hillary Ixcoy Ixcomil*



Jesus said to them, "Come, have breakfast."
And none of the disciples dared to ask him,
"Who are you?" because they realized it was the
Lord. Jesus came over and took the bread and
gave it to them, and in like manner the fish.
— Jn 21: 12-13

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD

Third Sunday of Easter **May 4, 2025**

"It is the Lord!" (John 21:7)

Recognizing Jesus in your life opens the door to responding to His call. If you feel His presence prompting you toward a vocation, consider talking to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (804) 359-5661 or via email:
vocations@richmonddiocese.org.



General Intercessions

- For the Church, that like Peter's encounter with the Risen Lord, many may hear Jesus' call to "Feed my sheep" and respond generously by serving as priests and religious. **Let us pray to the Lord.**
- For those discerning their vocation, that they may find courage in Peter's example to follow Christ's call despite their weaknesses and fears. **Let us pray to the Lord.**
- For our parish, that we may be a supportive community where vocations are nurtured and encouraged through prayer and example. **Let us pray to the Lord.**

Les dijo Jesús: "Vengan a almorzar".
Y ninguno de los discípulos se atrevía a
preguntarle: '¿Quién eres?', porque ya sabían
que era el Señor. Jesús se acercó, tomó el pan y
se lo dio y también el pescado. — Jn 21: 12-13

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la Conferencia del Episcopado Mexicano

Tercer Domingo de Pascua **4 de mayo, 2025**

"¡Es el Señor!" (Juan 21:7)

Reconocer a Jesús en tu vida abre la puerta para responder a su llamado. Si sientes que Su presencia te impulsa hacia una vocación, considera hablar tu sacerdote o comunícate con la Oficina de Vocaciones al (804) 359-5661 o via correo electrónico
vocations@richmonddiocese.org.



Intercesiones Generales

- Por la Iglesia, para que, como en el encuentro de Pedro con el Señor Resucitado, muchos escuchen el llamado de Jesús: "Apacienta mis ovejas" y respondan generosamente sirviendo como sacerdotes y religiosos. **Oremos al Señor.**
- Por quienes están discerniendo su vocación, para que encuentren valor en el ejemplo de Pedro para seguir la llamada de Cristo a pesar de sus debilidades y temores. **Oremos al Señor.**
- Por nuestra parroquia, para que seamos una comunidad solidaria donde las vocaciones se nutran y fomenten mediante la oración y el ejemplo. **Oremos al Señor.**

OFFICE COMMUNICATION

For prayerful preparation during the week before Sunday Mass, visit liturgy.slu.edu.

FOOD PANTRY

pancake mix	cereal
pancake syrup	canned vegetables
Mac & Cheese	Oatmeal
kids canned pasta	any serviceable
canned tomatoes	grocery bags
tuna	

Please remember the many families who come to our food pantry each week. They need your help.
Items we especially need:

Donations can be placed in the cart at the office entrance.
Thank you.

"Whoever is generous to the needy lends to the Lord, and He will reward them for what they have done." Proverbs 19:17

TO MAKE A MONETARY
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****If you have difficulty hearing during the Mass, we have hearing devices available in the Sacristy for those who have hearing aids or not.****

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

		04/27/25
Monthly Budget	\$	81,442
Actual Month To Date Offering		94,878
Difference	\$	13,436

Not Included above:

Catholic Virginian \$40, Catholic Relief \$130, Rice bowl \$264

Thank you for your continued support to St. Augustine Church!

******Congratulations on exceeding the monthly budget. Way to go!******

We also have more options to contribute. The Online giving process is easy, flexible and saves the parish shipping costs. Please consider signing up today. Text (804) 251-3775 and in the message type ENROLL or enroll in recurring e-Giving or make a single donation at <https://membership.faithdirect.net/enroll/VA1049/9>

COMUNICACIÓN DE LA OFICINA

Para la preparación en oración durante la semana anterior de la misa del domingo, visite liturgy.slu.edu.

DESPENSA DE ALIMENTOS

mezcla para panqueques	cereal
jarabe para panqueques	vegetales enlatados
Macarrones con queso	Avena
pasta enlatada para niños	cualquier bolsa útil de supermercado
tomates enlatados	
atún	

Por favor recuerde las muchas familias que vienen a nuestra despensa de alimentos cada semana. Necesitan su ayuda.
Alimentos que necesitamos especialmente:

Las donaciones se pueden colocar en el carrito en la entrada de la oficina. Gracias.

"El que es generoso con el necesitado, presta al Señor, y Él les recompensará por lo que han hecho." Proverbios 19:17

PARA HACER UNA
CONTRIBUCIÓN
MONETARIA A LA
IGLESIA SAN AGUSTÍN,
ESCANEE AQUÍ



Si tiene dificultad para oír durante la Misa, tenemos aparatos auditivos disponibles en la Sacristía para aquellos que tienen audífonos o no.

COLECTA SEMANAL

		04/27/25
Presupuesto Mensual	\$	81,442
Ofrenda Mensual Actual Hasta la Fecha		94,878
Diferencia	\$	13,436

Incluido Arriba:

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¡Gracias por su apoyo continuo a la iglesia San Agustín!

******Felicidades por cumplir con nuestro presupuesto mensual. ¡Bien hecho!******

También tenemos más opciones para contribuir. El proceso de donación en línea es fácil, flexible y le ahorra a la parroquia costos de envío. Considere registrarse hoy.

Envíe un mensaje de texto al (804) 251-3775 y en el mensaje, escriba INSCRIBASE o inscribese en recurrentes de e-Giving o haga una sola donación en: <https://membership.faithdirect.net/enroll/VA1049/9>

SUNDAY MAY 4, 2025 / DOMINGO 4 DE MAYO, 2025

The Catholic Diocese of Richmond, VA is seeking a **Director of Communications** to support the mission of the Diocesan Office of Communications.

For the full ad and how to apply, please click <https://bit.ly/4j91wvR>.

For any questions, please contact Kelly Shumate, HR Generalist / Recruiter at jobs@richmonddiocese.org

The Catholic Diocese of Richmond is seeking a full time **Assistant Superintendent of Enrollment and Marketing** for the Office of Catholic Schools.

For the full ad and how to apply, please click <https://bit.ly/4l4bgco>.

For any questions, please contact Kelly Shumate, HR Generalist / Recruiter at jobs@richmonddiocese.org

The Catholic Campus Ministry at Virginia Tech has an opening for a non-exempt full time (40 hours a week) **Associate Director of Catholic Campus Ministry** position.

For the full ad and how to apply, please click <https://bit.ly/4cjKqZN>.

For any questions, please contact Chris Hitzelberger at Director@CatholicHokie.org



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Your values, goals and ambitions are all part of your life's story – they are your legacy. You worked for it, now it should work for you. If you have ever planned a vacation, you can plan your legacy. Visit freewill.com/richmondccatholicfoundation

God calls us to be good stewards of our family, finances, and faith, and many parishioners include a legacy gift in their estate planning to support our parish for years to come. **St. Augustine Church** invites you to join them in 2025 with a free will-writing tool, sponsored by the Catholic Community Foundation of the Diocese of Richmond.

Please consider taking 20 minutes to create a plan for your future and steward your resources for the Church and its ministries. Go to <https://tinyurl.com/y6s8bfuz>

Other ways to create a legacy with St. Augustine Catholic Church is if you are 70 1/2 or above, remember you can pay it forward. You have a wonderful Catholic heritage. Just as we plan to ensure financial health for our families, we must plan for the health of our faith families. One way is that you can make a Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA Fund administrator directly to the parish or favorite ministry without increasing your taxable income. You can also use your IRA as a charitable giving vehicle. The holy spirit brought the early church alive by giving individual gifts that would sustain the Church. By sharing your gifts, you can keep the church alive for years to come.